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Pharmacy tech suspended: charged with stealing drugs and selling for profit

Health care provider ordered to stop practicing immediately

OLYMPIA — The credential of a Benton County pharmacy technician charged with stealing drugs and selling them to a 19-year-old has been suspended. The action by the Board of Pharmacy and the Department of Health means Jackalyn H. Winslow (PTEC.VA.00068513) cannot practice or be employed as a pharmacy technician in the state pending resolution of charges.

According to charging papers, Winslow stole about 15,000 Hydrocodone pills from her previous employer. After diverting the controlled substances, she sold them for personal profit. Legal paperwork says Winslow sold the dangerous drugs to a 19-year-old for resale to people without prescriptions or medical reasons for the drugs. Criminal charges are also pending.

Winslow has 20 days to respond to the charges. Legal documents in Winslow's case are online; click "Provider Credential Search" on the agency's home-page (www.doh.wa.gov). They're also available by calling 360-236-4700.

Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint. Complaints can also be <u>submitted online</u> through the agency's Web site (www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Professions/documents/complaint.pdf). Directions for mailing, faxing, or e-mailing the completed form are also online.

The Board of Pharmacy regulates pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants in Washington. The board establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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